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● Announcement

Greetings from New ADRC Executive Director, Mr MIYAKI Kazuhiro

This year marks the 28th anniversary of the establishment of the Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC). As the new executive director, I wish to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to our member countries, advisory countries, and related organisations for their support over the years.

The ADRC operates various projects based on four pillars: 1) sharing disaster risk reduction information, 2) human resource development, 3) improving community disaster risk reduction capabilities, and 4) developing and introducing new disaster risk reduction technologies. Such distinctive ADRC projects include GLIDE (the Global Disaster Numbering System), the member country visiting researcher program, community disaster risk reduction using ICT, and the promotion of the application of Sentinel Asia and other space technologies to disaster risk reduction. These efforts are the result of nearly 30 years of hard work by our predecessors and current staff. At the heart of these lies ADRC's most valuable asset and strength—the connections between people forged from a desire to minimise the damage caused by disasters.



Going forward, we believe it is crucial to maintain close communication to prevent connections from becoming stagnant, and to stay keenly conscious of new technologies and information. Furthermore, we believe that actively disseminating information about ADRC's activities and achievements to benefit society is essential to gain the understanding and trust of member countries and related organisations, and to allow ADRC staff to work with confidence and pride.

In two years, we will reach the significant milestone of our 30th anniversary. While cherishing the assets we have built so far, we will continue to pursue initiatives to connect this milestone to a new era. We ask for your continued support of ADRC.

MIYAKI Kazuhiro
Executive Director
Asian Disaster Reduction Center

Personnel Change

Mr SASAHARA Akio, former Executive Director, and Mr TAKAISO Mamoru, former Senior Administrative Manager, have moved on to new roles at the end of March 2026. All of us at ADRC would like to express our sincere gratitude for their dedicated service, and we wish them every success in their future endeavours.

● Participation in International Conferences

Participation in the 58th Session of the Typhoon Committee

ADRC participated in the 58th Session of the Typhoon Committee on 10-13 March 2026 in Jeju, Republic of Korea, as part of Japan delegation. This is an annual assembly of 14 typhoon-prone members (12 countries and 2 special administrative regions) where members report their activities for the past year and make key decisions for the path forward.

The Japanese delegation reported: 1) emergency observation request (EOR) trends and capacity building during 2025 by ADRC under the Sentinel Asia Initiative; 2) the Japanese Cabinet Office's announcement of the next Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (APMCDRR 2027) in Sendai, Japan in October 2027; and 3) a Japan Meteorological Agency summary of the 2025 typhoon season.

The assembly elected Dr Miseon LEE (administrator of Korea Meteorological Administration) and Ms KOH Li-na (director-general of the Singapore Meteorological Services) as chair and vice chair respectively of the 58th Session of the Typhoon Committee. It also approved proposals, confirmed working group reports, amended regulations, and endorsed the hosts of upcoming events.

A reception, networking dinner, and cultural visits were also organised to strengthen collaboration and partnerships among delegates.



Mr Gerry Potutan of ADRC Deputy Director of Research Department presenting EOR trends

● ADRC Visiting Researcher Report

Mr Batzaya Tsoqt (Mongolia)

Hello everyone, my name is Batzaya Tsoqt and I am from Mongolia. I hold a Master's degree in Telecommunications and a Bachelor's degree in Engineering Science, and I am currently pursuing a professional career specialising in disaster management, disaster statistics, and data analysis.

I have practical experience working in several divisions under the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) of Mongolia, including:

- Disaster Response Coordination and Early Warning Center
- Department of Communication and Information Technology
- Department of Disaster Prevention
- Department of Risk Management

This professional experience has provided me with a deep understanding of the complex and wide-ranging nature of disaster situations at the national level. At present, I am serving as a Senior Specialist in charge of the Disaster Information Database at the Department of Risk Management, NEMA of Mongolia. My main responsibilities include:

- Developing, updating, and managing the national disaster information database
- Ensuring the operation, confidentiality, and security of the disaster information system
- Introducing new software and technologies for effective database management

I am very pleased to participate in the Visiting Researcher Program (VR) of ADRC. During this program, my research topic is "Effective Utilisation of Disaster Information Databases for Disaster Risk Reduction."



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My research objectives include:

- Studying disaster-related terminology and definitions
- Analysing how hazardous events and accidents lead to disasters and identifying disaster indicators
- Examining disaster registration procedures, systems, and databases
- Learning about Japan's advanced disaster management practices based on technology and innovation

Through this program, I aim to study the best global and Japanese practices and apply them to improve my organization's and my country's disaster management system. I believe this will help ensure timely, accurate, and reliable data sharing, enhance the effective use of disaster information databases for prevention, enable data-driven decision-making, and ultimately contribute to building a safer society in Mongolia by reducing disaster risks.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the entire ADRC team for providing this valuable opportunity, and to the leadership of the NEMA of Mongolia and my department for their nomination and support. I am truly honoured to take part in this prestigious program and look forward to gaining valuable knowledge and experience.

Mr Marvin T. Manzano (Philippines)

I'm Marvin T. Manzano, Ph.D. a civil defense and disaster risk reduction and management (DRRM) practitioner and currently serving as Officer-in-Charge of the Curriculum Development Division of the Civil Defense and Disaster Management Training Institute (CDTI) under the Office of Civil Defense, Department of National Defense, Philippines. I have a background in policy development, capacity building, operations management, and strategic leadership, which contributed to strengthening national and local resilience through research, training program development, and the institutionalisation of civil defense systems. I hold a Doctorate of Philosophy in Business Management specialising in International Logistics and Supply Chain Management, a Master in Disaster Risk Management, and a post doctorate in Strategic Management and Leadership. I'm also a graduate of ASEAN regional programs, including the AHA Centre Executive (ACE) Programme (Batch 7), and the 13th ASEAN-Emergency Response and Assessment Team (ERAT).



My research and policy work span a broad range of DRRM and civil defense domains, including emergency preparedness, logistics and supply chain auditing, public health risk analysis, and operational framework development. They include notable contributions such as the National Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan on the APMCDRR 2024, Rapid Damage Assessment and Needs Analysis (RDANA) Standard Operating Procedures, Area Command Concept, Accredited Community Disaster Volunteers (ACDV) Manual and Online Platform, Civil Defense Concept, and the ongoing development of the National Civil Defense Framework and the National Civil Defense Plan 2026–2030. My published pieces include works on logistics auditing systems for local governments, health inequities in the Philippines, and COVID-19 safety strategies for returning overseas Filipinos. My work reflects a deep commitment to advancing evidence-based policy, promoting resilient governance, and strengthening the country's civil defense architecture.

I wish to express my sincere gratitude to ADRC and the government of Japan for giving me the opportunity to further enhance my research, knowledge, and skills development.

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